

Town of North Smithfield  
**Historic District Commission**

Minutes of April 27, 2015

A meeting of the North Smithfield Historic District Commission was held on  
Monday, April 27, 2015  
at 6:30 PM  
Heritage Hall, 101 Greene St. Street, Slatersville, RI

**Call to order:** 6:38

**Members Present:** Daniel Couture, Christian de Rezendes , Jeffrey Harris,  
Elizabeth Martin, Keith Nadeau

**Members Absent:** Jeffrey Fontaine, Eric Piette

**Materials Distributed:** Agenda, Minutes for March 23, 2015

**Approval of Minutes from March 23, 2014**

Minutes from March 23, 2015 meeting was unanimously approved.

**Applications**

- A. Certificate of Appropriateness: 2 Greene St. ( Dr. Elisha Bartlett House), Plat 4 Lot 23, Slatersville Historic District

Owners: James and Elizabeth Martin

The current owner proposes to repair the side porch. Work will include removing approximately 20 ft. of right hand side (south west side of house) of deteriorated apron trim below the porch floor boards, removing and replacing a portion of the decayed wood porch timber beam, and repair and/or replace in-kind the porch floor boards affected by the deterioration. New trim will be installed in-kind to match the existing porch trim.

**Discussion:**

2 Greene Street is a structure of considerable age (surpassing the minimum 50 year threshold of evaluating significance) and architectural value, and contributes to the significance of the Slatersville Historic District. It should be viewed as one which by location, design, setting, materials, scale, massing, workmanship, feeling and association adds to the Slatersville Historic District's sense of time and place and historical development.

To be consistent and objective, the work as proposed should be reviewed and judged at a minimum in accordance with NSHDC Standards 2, 5 and 6 as follows:  
(2)Retain Historic Character, (5)Protect Distinctive Construction and Craftsmanship,  
(6)Repair Rather Than Replace.

It was determined that home owner is meeting Standards 2, 5, and 6. The repairs are essentially an "in-kind" replacement and are appropriate and congruous. Approval for the application as submitted, and a Certificate of Appropriateness was granted.

Elizabeth Martin recused herself from the vote as she is the applicant.

Motion to Approve: Daniel Couture  
Seconded: Christian de Rezendes  
Voted Yes: Daniel Couture, Christian de Rezendes, Jeffrey Harris, Keith Nadeau  
Opposed: None

## **Old Business**

- A.. Review grant opportunities for the Forestdale Schoolhouse master plan (re: joint venture with the North Smithfield Heritage Association)
  - 1. North Smithfield Heritage Association is looking for a grant to fund the repair of stairs at front of schoolhouse. Has applied to Ambulance Fund.
- B. On Hold.: Historic District Informational Meeting with the Slatersville Congregational Church.
  - 1. Presently the Church property is not included within the Slatersville Historic District.

## **New Business**

- A. Review: meeting held on 4/20/2015 with D.E.M., E.P.A. & Town Admin.; re; 5 year review of Stamina Mill site and existing mill Office Building, School Street., Forestdale
  - 1. Jeff Harris as chair of NSHDC was asked to attend meeting on review of EPA superfund site discussing potential uses of office building and property site both of which are owned by town.
  - 2. Jeff Harris prefers to save historic office building in some capacity. if possible.
  - 3. EPA has some grants available to make some determinations about how to use property.
- B. Current events relating to N.S. Heritage Association.
  - 1. NSHA is looking to various sources of funding including Ambulance Fund(see above).
- C. Recap: : RI Historic Preservation and Heritage Commission Annual Conference, .., April 25, 2015 in Glocester, RI.
- D. Open Forum(topics related to Historic Preservation)
  - 1. Prospective buyer of 86 Great Road attends meeting requesting sources of historical data, specifically old photographs of property.
  - 2. Prospective buyer is interested in maintaining historic character. NSHDC recommended various resources.

## **Subcommittee Reports:**

- A. Subcommittee: Union Village Historic District Research Committee  
Research
  - 1. Continuing.
- B. Subcommittee Report: Rhode Island Historic Preservation and Heritage Commission for Certified Local Government Grant(NSHDC CLG Grant Committee).
  - 1. Continuing.
- C. Subcommittee Report : North Smithfield Historic District Commission  
Standards and Guidelines (NSHDC S&G Committee):
  - 1. Continuing.

**Meeting Adjourned**

The meeting was called to a close at 8:07

Motion: Elizabeth Martin

Seconded: Jeff Harris

All in favor

Opposed: None

Next Meeting: Monday , May 17, 2015